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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims as follows:

1.   (Currently Amended) A method of upgrading a computer program on a computer system, the computer ~~system~~ program including an instruction processing ~~program~~ module, the method comprising:

        receiving an upgrade object associated with the computer program, the upgrade object including an instruction set adapted for use by the instruction processing ~~program~~ module to upgrade the computer program; and

        executing the instruction set with the instruction processing ~~program~~ module.

2.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising instructing the instruction processing ~~program~~ module to execute the instruction set.

3.   (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the upgrade object is associated with one or more prerequisites; and further comprising determining if the one or more prerequisites have been met.

4.   (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising reporting that the instruction set has been executed.

5.   (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the upgrade object is suitable for transmission by electronic mail.

6.   (Cancelled)

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7.   (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the instruction set comprises binary instructions.

8.   (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the instruction set comprises a script.

9.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 8, wherein the instruction processing ~~program~~ module is adapted to compile and execute the script.

10.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the upgrade object requires the instruction processing ~~program~~ module to be executed by the computer system.

11.   (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the upgrade object is not independently executable.

12.   (Currently Amended) A method of upgrading a computer program on a computer system, the computer ~~system~~ program including ~~an instruction processing program~~ a script processor, the method comprising:

      creating an upgrade object associated with the computer program, the upgrade object including an instruction set adapted for use by the script processor to upgrade the computer program; and

      transmitting the upgrade object to the computer system; and

      instructing an end user to execute the instruction set with the ~~instruction processing program~~ script processor.

13.   (Original) The method of claim 12, wherein the upgrade object presents the end user with instructions to perform a task.

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14.   (Original) The method of claim 13, wherein the upgrade object prompts the end user to indicate that the task has been performed.

15.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 12, wherein the instruction set comprises a script and wherein the ~~instruction-processing-program~~ script processor is adapted to compile and execute the script.

16.   (Currently Amended) A method of upgrading a computer program on a computer system, comprising:

    (i) installing <u>a computer program on the computer system, the computer program including</u> a script processing <u>module</u> ~~program on the computer system~~;

    (ii) receiving an upgrade object associated with the computer program, the upgrade object including a script adapted for use by the script processing <u>module</u> and a prerequisite field containing one or more prerequisites; and

    (iii) instructing the computer ~~system~~ <u>program</u> to process the installation object, whereby the upgrade object causes the computer system to:

        determine if the one or more prerequisites have been met; and

        ~~instructing~~ <u>instruct</u> the script ~~processor~~ <u>processing module</u> to execute the script ~~with the script processor~~; and

        ~~reporting~~ <u>report</u> that the script has been executed.

17.   (Currently Amended) A computer program product, comprising:

    (a) ~~a upgrade~~ <u>an upgrade</u> object configured to upgrade a software program ~~on a computer system~~ having an instruction processing ~~program~~ <u>module</u>, the upgrade object including an instruction set capable of causing the instruction processing ~~program~~ <u>module</u> to perform one or more upgrade tasks; and

    (b) a <u>tangible</u> signal bearing media bearing the upgrade object.

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18.   (Currently Amended) A method of installing a computer program <u>into an</u>
<u>instruction processing environment</u> on a computer system, the ~~computer system~~
<u>instruction processing environment</u> including an instruction processing ~~program~~
<u>module,</u> the method comprising:

    receiving an installation object associated with the computer program, the
installation object including an instruction set adapted for use by the instruction
processing ~~program~~ <u>module to install the computer program into the instruction</u>
<u>processing environment;</u> and

    executing the instruction set with the instruction processing ~~program~~ <u>module.</u>

19.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 18, wherein the instruction set
comprises a script and wherein the instruction processing ~~program~~ <u>module</u> is adapted
to compile and execute the script.

20.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 18, wherein the ~~upgrade~~ <u>installation</u>
object is associated with one or more prerequisites; and further comprising determining
if the one or more prerequisites have been met.

21.   (Original) The method of claim 18, further comprising reporting that the
instruction set has been executed.

22.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 18, wherein the ~~upgrade~~ <u>installation</u>
object comprises a script suitable for transmission by electronic mail.

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23.   (Currently Amended) A method of installing a computer program into an instruction processing environment on a computer system, the ~~computer system~~ instruction processing environment including an instruction processing ~~program~~ module, the method comprising:

creating an installation object associated with the computer program, the upgrade object including an instruction set adapted for use by the instruction processing ~~program~~ module to install the computer program into the instruction processing environment; ~~and~~

transmitting the installation object to the computer program; and

instructing an end user to execute the instruction set with the instruction processing ~~program~~ module.

24.   (Original) The method of claim 23, wherein the installation object presents the end user with instructions to perform a task.

25.   (Original) The method of claim 24, wherein the installation object prompts the end user to indicate that the task has been performed.

26.   (New) A method for upgrading a computer program on a computer system, the computer program including an instruction processing program module, the method comprising configuring the computer system to perform the method of claim 1.

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